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What's on for TERM 4

Week 10

Mon 9/12 Yr 6 Orientation at Dorrigo HS – All Day
 Tues 10/12 Intensive Swimming Scheme at Dorrigo Pool
 to Fri 13/12
 Sat 14/12 P&C Auction Catering

Week 11

Mon 16/12 Kindergarten Transition 9.30am to 12noon
 Mufti Day (Non Uniform)
 End of Year Presentation – 5pm
 Tues 17/12 End of Year Excursion to Coffs Harbour
 Wed 18/12 Last Day of Term 4 for Students.
 Christmas Carols at School – 6pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

*Merry Christmas, safe holidays
 and a Happy New Year*

2014

Tues 28/1 Staff Development Day
 Wed 29/1 Students Return to school for 2014



Last Newsletter for 2013.

This is the final newsletter for 2013. We wish all families and community members a very Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a Happy New Year. **Students return to school on Wednesday 29th January, 2014.**

SAKG - Supporters Lunch for Parents and Community

Last Friday we welcomed parents and community members into our school to thank them for supporting us this year. The students cooked a scrumptious lunch including lamb curry, rice, quiche, salads, fruit platters and sweet biscuits. **Thank you to our guests for joining us for this special occasion.**



Notes and Money due: (notes sent home previously)

- Swimming Helpers Note
- \$21 Swimming Money Due Now
- End of Year Coffs Harbour Consent Note & Money
- Term 4 SAKG Contribution





Yr 4-6 Lake Ainsworth Small Schools Excursion

Last week our Year 4, 5, and 6 students travelled to Lake Ainsworth for a small schools camp. The students engaged in a variety of recreational activities including sailing, archery, raft building and a ropes course. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time at camp and represented our school with wonderful manners and participation. Thank you to Mrs Keough who accompanied us and to Erin, Daryl, Mar and Fred for transporting us to and from the buses.



Preschoolers Morning

Everyone had fun doing activities and making Christmas craft.



Thank you Dorrigo Gazette

We would like to thank the Don Dorrigo Gazette for publishing our newsletter in the paper throughout the year. They do this at no cost for the school and it is wonderful to read all about our school and the students achievements each week.

Holiday Readers

If families wish to organise home readers for the school holidays, please contact your child's teacher.

Library Books to be Returned

Could all library books please be returned this week, there is no more borrowing now until next year. If any Year 6 students have books borrowed, please return them before leaving us.

Small Schools 2013 'Learn to Swim' – Starts This Tuesday to Friday



The School Swimming Scheme will continue this week from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th December (4 more days in total). **Students \$21.00 is now due**; please pay as soon as possible. Thank you to those families that have already paid.

Times and dates in table below.

Tuesday 10/12/13	Wednesday 11/12/13	Thursday 12/12/13	Friday 13/12/13
9.30 to 12.15pm	9.30 to 12.15pm	9.30 to 12.15pm	9.30 to 12.15pm

Swimming Helper Volunteer roster form is attached, please let us know if you are available to help out on any of these days. Thank you to those who have already volunteered days.

Bus Times will be as follows:

Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th December – bus run as normal – We will leave by 9am sharp each day

For Tuesday and Friday swimming students may come to school dressed in their swimmers (rash shirt and hat) and either sandals or thongs but must have a packed uniform (**2 towels**/shirt/shorts/trousers/jumper/underwear/socks & shoes) to change into, a towel to use during lessons as well as a towel to dry themselves with at the end of each day. The school will provide sunscreen throughout the day. Students will need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water as swimming can make students extra hungry and thirsty. **Students will only be able to buy from the shop on the last day of swimming, Friday 13th December.**

Special Canteen Lunch – Thursday 12th November

On Thursday 12th November after swimming we will be having a special canteen ordering day at school. The Menu available will be plain meat pies \$3.50, sausage rolls \$2.80 and spinach and ricotta pasties \$3.50. These must be ordered in advanced. Please fill out the order form if attached. Thank you to those who have already placed their orders.



Final Transition into Kindergarten – Monday 16th December

Our last transition day for preschool students coming into Kindergarten next year, 2014, will be next Monday 16th December from 9am to 12noon. Our transition days will provide your child with the experiences of school to prepare them for the next year of Kindergarten. If you haven't already enrolled your child into our school for next year and would like to, please see Melissa and she will gladly help you with the enrolment forms.

Non- Uniform Day – Monday 16th December

Students may come to school on Monday 16th December in non-uniform for the day, this way uniforms will be nice and clean for presentation night.



End of Year Presentation – Monday 16th December – 5pm

We will be holding our End of Year Presentation on Monday 16th December at 5.30pm. Students are to go home after school and then return with parents/carers at 5pm in full school uniform (sport shirt) ready for the presentation to begin at 5.30pm. Our students will be performing a number of theatrical items and receiving awards for their ongoing efforts and achievements. We are asking everyone to please bring a plate of finger food/salad/dessert to share after the presentation. Please be aware that we have students with nut/dairy/gluten allergies and will need to know ingredients in dishes to allow for no reactions. **Please indicate on the attached note what your family will bring on the night.** Thank you.



End of Year Excursion to Coffs Harbour – Tuesday 17th December

We will be travelling to Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 17th December for our end of year excursion. We will be travelling to and from Coffs Harbour on Jim's bus and will need to leave Tyringham Store at 8am. We will be 9 Pin Bowling first, then recess at the Jetty Beach (not swimming), where students can participate in sandcastle building followed by lunch and play at Brelsford Park prior to catching bus home. The P&C have kindly offered to pay for Jim's bus for the day.



The only cost to students will be \$12 each for Nine Pin Bowling. **Students can catch the High School Bus run in the morning. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be at Tyringham Store by 8am. Students will catch the High School Bus run home in the afternoon. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be collected at Tyringham Shop at 4pm.** Students will need to wear full school uniform (sport shirts if possible) and a hat on the day. **They will need to bring a packed recess, lunch, afternoon snack and plenty of water to drink throughout the day.** Please sign and return the attached consent note and money if attached.



Community Christmas Carols – Wednesday 18th December – 6pm

We will be holding an evening of Christmas Carols with our local community choir. This will be a wonderful night for all the community to get together in good spirits and enjoy each other's company. The P&C will be catering for this event with sausage sandwiches, vegie patties, tea, coffee and cordial. Cans of soft drink will be available for purchase or bring along your own picnic. There will also be safe flame candles (battery operated) available to purchase at \$2 each. Please remember that the school is a smoke and alcohol free zone. **We will be hoping that we can have a few volunteers to help with the BBQ cooking on the night.**

Wednesday 18th December – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 18th December will be the students last day of school for 2013. On this day students may come in non-uniform. If the weather permits, we will all enjoy a water fight at school (no water guns or balloons allowed). Your child may wish to bring their swimmers to school and get changed just before the water fight. Please ensure your child/ren has a towel to dry off before going home. Parents are very welcome to come and participate or just watch the fun.

P&C News & Community Notices

P&C Auction Catering – Saturday 14th November

The P&C have been asked to cater for an auction in Dundurrabin this Saturday 14th December from 9am until finish. We will holding a BBQ, selling steak / sausage sandwiches, cold drinks, tea, coffee and hopefully cakes, slices and biscuits. **We are asking every family to please donate either a cake/slice/biscuits for the fundraiser.** These can be left at school this Friday 13th November or delivered early Saturday morning to the auction. **We will also need volunteers on the day,** if possible it would great to have a few so that a roster can be developed with allocated timeslots. Please phone Melissa at school as soon as possible and let her know if you are available on the day. **Any time or cooking will be greatly appreciated.**





P&C Christmas Raffle

Our P&C is holding a Christmas raffle that will be drawn at our Carols night on Wednesday 18th December. The prize will be a homemade Christmas cake kindly cooked and donated by Marj Scott and a homemade Christmas pudding kindly cooked and donated by Rosie Keough. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Could all families have their tickets (sold or unsold) and money returned to school by Monday 16th December please.

2014 Dorrigo Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition

The 2014 Dorrigo Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition will include a special section on woodcarving for students up to 12 years of age, thanks to the generosity of Brian Eves. Brian is donating prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 and a woodcarving knife. The 2014 Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition will run for 10 days Thursday 17 April to Saturday 26 April. "Art from the Heart" is the 2014 logo. Entry forms will be available March 2014.

SUMMER READING CLUB

INVESTIGATION

WEEK 1: CREATE YOUR OWN IDENTITY

Bellingen Library:
Tuesday 7th January
10.30am-11.30am

Urunga Library:
Tuesday 7th January
10.30am-11.30am

Dorrigo Library:
Wednesday 8th January
10.30-11.30am

WEEK 2: FOLLOW THE CLUES TREASURE HUNT

Bellingen Library:
Tuesday 14th January
10.30am-11.30am

Urunga Library:
Tuesday 14th January
10.30am-11.30am

Dorrigo Library:
Wednesday 15th January
10.30-11.30am

WEEK 3: NATURE DETECTIVE CRACKING THE CODE

Bellingen Library:
Tuesday 21st January
10.30am-11.30am

Dorrigo Library:
Wednesday 22nd January
10.30-11.30am

Urunga Library:
Thursday 23rd January
10.30am-11.30am

Bookings Required
Bellingen: 66551744
Dorrigo: 66572234
Urunga: 66556444



Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Register for term 1 Go4Fun now!

Go4Fun is a **FREE** program which aims to teach kids how to be healthy and fit and stay that way! The program runs during the school term and has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years above healthy weight and their primary carer/s in a relaxed atmosphere with trained nutrition and exercise leaders. The Go4Fun program provides a fun approach to learning skills for life, such as preparing and eating healthy foods, reading food labels, keeping fit and healthy shopping on a budget. Mid North Coast local families who participated in the program last term highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children's fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. Families living on the Mid North Coast are welcome to take part in term one of the Go4Fun programs in Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Dorrigo and Nambucca!

**Dorrigo - Venue: Dorrigo Public Hall
Mondays from 3:30-5:30pm**

Start Date: Monday, 3rd February 2014

To register: contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au For more information please Becky Vaschak, on: 66528111 or go4fun@chwhc.com.au



*From all of us at Dundurabin
Public School
Have a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year
See you in 2014!*

